

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/415,295 filed on October 8, 1999. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-18, 21, 23-30, 32-41, 43, 44, 86-89, and 94-98 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-18, 21, 23-30, 32-41, 43, 44, and 86-89 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hitchings Jr. (hereafter Hitchings), U.S. Patent No. 6,594,484 in view of Logan et al. (hereafter Logan), US Pat. No. 5,732,216. Claims 24-41, 43-44, and 94-98 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hitchings and Logan and further in view of Garceran et al. (hereafter Garceran), U.S. Pat. No. 6,552,888.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Independent Claim 1 recites "a car radio; and a short-range radio, wherein the audio converter outputs the audio signal to the short-range radio, the short-range radio being operable to broadcast the audio signal to a channel on the car radio while the car radio is mobile as well as when the car radio is stationery." The underlined portion was added to clarify that the browser device is a mobile device as originally specified in the preamble of Claim 1. Independent claims 24, 84, and 96 include similar features. Neither Hitchings or Logan, alone or in combination, disclose these features.

Logan is cited as disclosing a short range radio that broadcasts the audio signal to a channel on a car audio using a "player" computer may be linked to the Internet via a local communications server computer via a radio or infrared link when the car is parked at the subscriber's home or office. (Logan Fig. 1, col. 6 line 27 to col. 7 line 2 and col. 39 lines 6-to col. 40 line 30). Accordingly, it would not have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize Logan's an audio converter and a short-range radio into the computer system of Hitchings to provide mobile playback audio capabilities because Logan does not teach or suggest a short-range radio or using a short-range radio to output signals to a mobile car radio. Claim 1 is therefore believed to be allowable over Hitchings and Logan, alone and in combination, for at least these reasons.

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Allowance of Claims 1, 24, 86, and 94 is respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 2, 4-5, 8-18, 21, and 23 depend from Claim 1 and include features that further distinguish them from the prior art. In particular, Claim 23 sets forth "a position-keeping system for providing the geographic location of the browser device to the network server via the wireless communication network, wherein the responsive information is based on the geographic location of the browser device." On page 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites portions of the Hitchings reference as disclosing these features. Applicant has reviewed the cited portions of the Hitchings reference and respectfully asserts that the portions do not pertain to a position-keeping system that provides the location of the browser device, or responsive information that is based on the geographic location of the browser device. Hitchings teaches a script location menu screen that includes one or more locations for scripts, i.e., "Local", "Remote", or "New". (Hitchings, col. 14, lines 25-31). The scripts represent requests for information; the scripts are not equivalent to the browser device. Accordingly, Hitchings does not provide the geographic location of the browser device to the network server, nor is the responsive information in Hitchings based on the geographic location of the browser device. Claim 23 is therefore believed to be allowable over the Hitchings reference for at least these reasons.

Claims 25-30, 32-42, and 43-44 depend from Claim 24, Claims 87-89 depend from Claim 86, and Claims 95-98 depend from Claim 94, and include features that further distinguish them from the prior art. Allowance of Claims 2, 4, 5, 8-18, 21, 23, 24-30, 32-42, 43, 44, 86-89, and 94-98 is respectfully requested for at least the same reasons as Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-18, 21, 23-30, 32-41, 43, 44, 86-89, and 94-98 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250 if there are any issues raised by this response that may be resolved by telephone.

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